

Arrowsic Selectmen's Meeting

January 23, 2017

Present: Sukey Heard, Michele Gaillard, Bill Savedoff, Mary MacDonald, Camille Kauffunger, Anita Lichman, Barbara Boyce, Brian Carlton

Treasurer's Report and Warrant:

Warrant #13 (\$17, 731.50) was reviewed, approved and signed.

Minutes:

Minutes for 1/9/17 were reviewed and approved as amended.

Education Committee:

Anita Lichman and Camille Kauffunger attended to give the Selectmen an update on the work of the committee, including the loss of several members—Erin Hart, Matt & Dena Bachman. In light of the assumption of the scholarship duties by the Education Committee, there was a review of the process, which the Selectmen outlined to the best of their abilities, including application and award timelines.

There is a design meeting for the new Morse High School scheduled for February 9 to allow community members to review and contribute feedback to the design process. Bill will send a notice to the town with a link to the RSU website. Arrowsic resident Karen Robbins is a member of the building committee. The building project architect and RSU1 representative will present a site update to the Selectmen and Education Committee on March 1 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall.

Local Emergency Management Officer:

Brian Carlton attended the meeting to inform the Selectmen of his activities in support of emergency planning for the Town. Brian reviewed the flood inundation map of Arrowsic that was discussed at a recent regional emergency management meeting. Because the map clearly shows serious flooding issues across Route 127 at the Town marsh (north end) and at Fisher Eddy, Brian wanted to make sure that there was a regional understanding of the impact on all Arrowsic and Georgetown residents in terms of evacuation. Brian will write a synopsis of the information that can be shared with Eloise Vitelli to keep her in the loop. Brian also discussed including a survey in the annual Town report that would allow him to compile information about emergency equipment in town and also who would need help in the event of an emergency.

Town Clerk Report:

Barbara Boyce attended with an update. She has attended several training sessions including Vitals and has a Town Meeting and Elections training coming up next month. Barbara indicated that the books are closed on the election and briefly discussed her thoughts on what effect the implementation of "ranked choice" voting will have on Arrowsic. Good compliance so far on dog licenses. One commercial shellfish harvesting license issued to date. Barbara has some great ideas on changes to the website that will instruct residents on what services are available at Town Hall and how to access them. No complaints so far on the change to Town office hours. Liz Rollins has been appointed

Deputy Town Clerk so that she can perform certain duties. Barbara is getting trained so that she can issue car registrations if needed.

Tax Abatements:

The Selectmen voted to issue a tax abatement of \$923.95 for the 2016 tax year on Map 5, Lot 14-7 in Sasanoa Shores based on our assessing agent's opinion that the waterfront and marsh front base lot values should be different.

A tax abatement of \$24.14 was issued on Map 5, Lot 16, for the 2016 tax year based on a portion of the property that was transferred. A supplemental bill for the same amount was issued to the buyer of the piece.

State of the Revaluation:

Bill reviewed the Selectmen's process to date in issuing the RFP and reviewing the two submissions. Advantages and disadvantages of both companies were discussed. Both are qualified to perform the work. The Selectmen emphasized the importance of responsiveness and communications during the process, both with the Selectmen and property owners. Our goal is to make reporting requirements that will ensure that the Selectmen are constantly informed of progress and issues.

The Selectmen moved and approved to initiate contract negotiations for a town-wide property revaluation with William Van Tuinen Tax Assessment Services. Bill Savedoff will contact him and begin to work out the final arrangements.

AFD IT Update:

Bill Savedoff reported the progress with computer set up and WIFI at the Fire Station. Also the addition of a coffee machine, donated by Sukey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Gaillard